

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup unit comprising:

a semiconductor laser; <sup>PG</sup>

a photodetector <sup>PD</sup> arranged separately from the semiconductor

laser;

5       an objective lens, <sup>0!</sup> and

a rising mirror; <sup>MIR</sup>

wherein said optical pickup unit for converging converges a  
laser beam produced by a said semiconductor laser on a signal  
recording surface of an optical disc <sup>Disc</sup> through an said objective  
10      lens by reflecting said laser beam by a reflecting surface of a  
said rising mirror, and for detecting detects a return beam from  
said signal recording surface by a said photodetector by  
reflecting said return beam by the reflecting surface of said  
rising mirror,

15       wherein a rising angle between the reflecting surface of  
said rising mirror and a pickup's lower surface of said optical  
pickup unit is smaller than 45 degrees; and

wherein optical parts including said semiconductor laser and  
said photodetector are arranged in an optical base with said  
20      optical parts inclined with respect to said optical base so such  
that said optical parts are not jutted out do not extend  
downwards from said pickup's lower surface downwards of said  
optical pickup unit.

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2. (Currently Amended) An The optical pickup unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said optical pickup unit further comprises, as said optical parts comprise:~~ [[,]]

a diffraction grating for separating said laser beam  
5 produced by said semiconductor laser into three laser beams,  
a beam splitter for reflecting said three laser beams from  
said diffraction grating and for transmitting said return beam,  
a collimator lens disposed between said beam splitter and  
said rising mirror, and  
10 a concave lens disposed between said beam splitter and said photodetector.

3. (Currently Amended) An The optical pickup unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~said optical pickup unit further comprises, as one of said optical parts further comprise~~ [[,]] a forward sensor for monitoring a light amount of the laser beam  
5 which is produced by said semiconductor laser and which is partially transmitted through said beam splitter.

4. (New) The optical pickup unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said photodetector includes a plurality of signal taking-out pins which are arranged horizontally with a constant gap therebetween.